

THE KENTUCKIAN FOR 1917

EVER since the year 1868, the HOPKINSVILLE KENTUCKIAN has been published under one name or another. In 1879 the present name was given and the present management took charge of the paper, which is now in its 39th volume. For almost 40 years it has been a faithful exponent of the growth and development of the city and county. It has written in its files a history of the county covering that long period. It has recorded the birth of three generations in some instances. It has seen the small town develop into a prosperous city with its people ever looking forward to greater things.

During all these years it has had a loyal and constant patronage from the best people of the county. It has many subscribers whose names have not been off its subscription lists in 39 years. In many other families, sons have taken their father's places. We would be ungrateful not to appreciate support like this, but we have never come to the reading public with a stronger appeal for patronage than this year. Conditions have greatly changed and paper stock is three times as high as a year ago.

Many newspapers have advanced rates, but in order that the circulation may not be lessened by a higher price the KENTUCKIAN will still be sent for \$2.00 a year, the old price. It will be necessary though to adhere rigidly to the cash system, since more than \$1.00 must be paid in advance for the paper upon which we print 156 papers and the cost of printing leaves but little profit out of the second dollar. We are asking our old subscribers to stand by us in this crisis by renewing promptly.

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Charting the Army's Feet.

To a layman, the records of the inspections of the feet of the various militia regiments stationed on the border last summer are astonishing. For example, take the specific case of the Sixteenth Pennsylvania infantry. Out of 1,087 men inspected only 290 with sound feet were found. Four hundred and seventy-six men were wearing shoes from one to two complete sizes too small. The Sixteenth Pennsylvania sported 750 corns, 762 ingrowing nails, 613 bunions, to say nothing of such esoteric maladies as "exostoses," "pronation" and "hallux valgus," of which latter misery there were 590 well-developed cases. One wonders how the Sixteenth Pennsylvania got over the ground at all.—"The Feet of the Fighting Men," in the World's Work.

Contributed From All Countries.

From the southwestern United States every year now there are sent to market tons of dates. If it had not been for the bureau of plant industry and its explorers, the date today would not be an American product. Out of China have come cherries which took gratefully to our soil and climate; from the Altai mountains have come red currants; from the Orient somewhere has come the puckerless and seedless persimmon, and from other places of the far-off have come fruits and vegetables of good garden and table service, and shade trees for the comfort of men in sections of this country where no shade tree of American origin would take root.

Why Blotters Are Scarce.

Did you get that stack of blotters with the "ads" on the backs this year? Of course you didn't. It's the "high cost of blotters" now. Owing to the decreased production and the increased cost of paper stock, a Brooklyn paper and blotter concern predicted that blotters this year were going to be about as scarce as eggs.—Brooklyn Eagle.

The Logic of It.

"What class of the population do you suppose would make the best submarine crew?"

"Well, the logical conclusion points to the submerged tenth."

To Keep Plants Fresh.

There is a simple way to water ferns and flowers which will be of interest to one who must leave them for a time without care. Take a washing tub and place three or four bricks in it and put about two inches of water in the tub. Place the flowers on these bricks and place the tub where they can get the morning sunshine.

Hans von Bleichroder.

Hans von Bleichroder, one of the two principal partners of Bleichroder & Co., bankers, Berlin, Germany, died a short time ago at the age of sixty-four.

The banking firm of Bleichroder & Co. came into international prominence when it helped Bismarck finance the war against France, and Hans von Bleichroder was ennobled at that time. His son, Hans, Jr., was killed in action on the Warsaw front, August 1, 1915.

At one time the son was secretly engaged to Princess Sophia of Sax-Weimar, who committed suicide in 1913 because, it was alleged, her father, Prince William, would not permit her marriage. Young Bleichroder studied banking in New York in 1910. The marriage was opposed not so much because young Baron von Bleichroder was beneath the princess in rank, but because he was a Jew and refused to renounce his creed. The elder Bleichroder is said to have been worth more than \$40,000,000.

Hope for Benefit From War.

The Boston park shelters about 1,400 animals, ranging from elephants, buffalo and lions to guinea pigs. There has been a little falling off in numbers since the war began, as the European dealers, through whom most of the supply of wild animals came, have in many cases been put out of business by war conditions. It seems quite likely that the war will force the business of supplying wild animals into new channels, and, perhaps, bring American zoological gardens into close relations with the source of supply, especially in Africa, which exceeds all the rest of the world in the variety and abundance of its large animals.

Important Chinese City.

Hankow is in the heart of China, 600 miles from the ocean, with which the Yangtze river is the only practicable communication. It is a flourishing city with many modern conveniences, and with a trade passing through the maritime customs of \$113,940,939 in 1915, exclusive of treasure and coins, which amounted to \$20,037,000. Its foreign trade equaled that of the port of Baltimore in 1914.

Just Starts 'Em Off.

Mrs. Smith—You say you never gossip.

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